Setting up of an Ordance Factory at Hazaribagh in Bihar

451. SHRI YASHWANT SINHA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred question 163 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 5th May, 1988 and state:

(a) whether a decision to set up an Ordnance factory at Hazaribagh in Bihar has now been taken;

(b) if not, by when a decision in the matter will be taken; and

(c) the reasons for delay in taking a decision in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The setting up of an Ordnance Factory involves investment of a large magnitude. The proposal requires detailed scrutiny in terms of economic feasibility and utilisation of existing capacities in the country. It is not possible to indicate a timeframe within which the decision is likely to be taken as the proposal is linked up with the overall investment decision.

Subarnarekha ...rpose Project

452. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) by when the Subarnarekha multipurpose irrigation project has been targeted to be completed and the total acreage of land likely to be irrigated;

(b) the estimated cost of the project and the total amount spent so far for the execution of the project;

(c) what would be the irrigation potential of three States i.e. Bihar, Orissa and West Bengal after completion of the Project, and

(d) how much power will be generated from the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) to (c) Subarnarekha Multipurpose Project is expected to be completed by 1993-94 envisaging irrigation to an area of 1.58 lakh hectares in Bihar, 0.9 lakh hectares in Orissa and 5 thousand hectares in West Bengal. Out of the estimated cost of Rs. 983 crores, an expenditure of about Rs. 336 crores has been incurred upto March, 1988.

(d) Provision exists for installation of a canal power house at a later date.

Poll Reforms

453 SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:

DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the proposals for poll reforms and whether the proposals will be incorporated in the respective Acts governing and regulating the elections;

(b) the time by when a comprehensive legislation will be brought before the Parliament with regard to amendments to the Peoples Representation Act; and

(c) whether Political Parties and other Institutions in the country have been consulted in the matter, if so, what is the reaction of various Political Parties and whether Government propose to include their suggestions in the proposed legislation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANSRAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Various proposals for electoral reforms are under active consideration. No final decision has been taken on the reforms to be introduced or the details timings of the amending legislation to be enacted.